commissioners such ex-officio road superintendent of his respective commissioners precinct; prescribing the duties and liabilities of all persons subject to road duty; fixing penalties for the violation or neglect of such duty so imposed; providing that the act shall be cumulative to existing laws where not in conflict therewith; providing for power and procedure for the protection of roads and highways against unusually heavy traffic, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 15, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 353, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe a closed season for the hunting of blue quail or scaled quail in Lampasas county, Texas, and to provide adequate penalites for the unlawful taking, slaughter, storage or possession of same; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 15, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and com-

H. B. No. 234, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Springlake Independent School District in Lamb county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the trustees thereof; providing for the election of its first board of trustees and their successors; providing that certain territory taken away from the Sudan Independent School District in Lamb county, Texas, and placed within the Springlake Independent School District shall remain chargeable with its pro rata part of any bonded indebtedness heretofore voted in said Sudan In-

dependent School District; and providing that the Springlake Independent School District as herein created may as a whole vote to assume such pro rata part of said bonds; providing for the appointment of a board of equalization and tax assessor and collector for said district, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DINKLE, Chairman.

THIRTIETH DAY,

(Continued.)

(Tuesday, February 20, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a.m. and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

HOUSE BILL NO. 361 ON ENGROSS-MENT.

The House resumed consideration of

pending business, same being

H. B. No. 361, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 16, of Chapter 190, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Section 2, of Chapter 71, of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirtyfifth Legislature, as amended by Section - Chapter 113, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 131, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, as amended by Chapter 52, of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, providing for and increasing the annual license fees on motor vehicles; providing for applications for registration; providing for annual license fees for trailers and semi-trailers and tractors; providing penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this act; providing certain described vehicles shall not be licensed or operated on public roads; providing for exceptions and special permits; amending Section 3, of Chapter 73, of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 113, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, relating to disposition of fees collected hereunder; providing for maintenance by the State and declaring increased fees primarily a trust fund for such maintenance; providing that in

event any section or provision of this act shall be held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect any other section or provision; and repealing all laws in conflict with this act,"

On its passage to engrossment, with amendment by Mr. Williamson and amendment by Mr. Culp to the amendment, pending.

Mr. Williamson moved the previous question on the pending amendment to the amendment, and the main question was ordered.

Question recurring on the amendment by Mr. Culp to the amendment, yeas and mays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-23.

Looney. Atkinson. Baldwin. McDaniel. Barker. McFarlane. Mathes. Beasley. Merritt. Bird. Bryant. Rowland. Stell. Cable. Stewart of Jasper. Culp. Dinkle. Storey. Hardin Sweet. Wessels. of Kaufman. Le Master. Young. Loftin.

Nays-96.

Abney. Durham. Edwards. Amsler. Arnold. Fields. Avis. Frnka. Baker of Milam. Fugler. Barrett. Gipson. Bell. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Bonham. Brady. Harrington. Burmeister. Harris. Carpenter Henderson of Dallas. of Marion. Carpenter Henderson of Matagorda. of McLennan. Carson. Hendricks. Chitwood. Howeth. Coffee. Hughes. Collins. Irwin. Covey. Jacks. Cowen. Jennings. Crawford. Johnson. Davenport. Jones. Davis. Kemble. DeBerry. Lamb. Dielmann. Lane. Dodd. LeStourgeon. Downs. McBride. Driggers. McDonald. Duffey. McNatt. Dunn. Martin.

Maxwell. Sanford. Melson. Satterwhite. Merriman. Shearer. Montgomery. Shires. Moore. Simpson. Smith. Morgan of Liberty. Sparkman. Patman. Stewart Perdue. of Edwards. Pinkston. Stewart of Reeves. Pool. Stroder. Potter. Thompson. Price. Thrasher. Purl. Vaughan. Wallace. Quaid. Wells. Quinn. Rice. Westbrook. Williamson. Robinson. Rogers. Wilmans. Wilson. Rountree. Russell of Trinity. Winfree. Sackett.

Present—Not Voting.

Stevens. Turner.

Absent.

Carter of Coke.

Dunlap.

Green.

Houston.

McKean.

Morgan

of Robertson.

Pope.

rope.

Absent—Excused.

Blount.
Bobbitt.
Carter of Hays.
Faubion.
Lackey.
Lewis.
Lusk.
Miller.
Pate.
Pate.
Pate.
Paterson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.
Teer.

Paired.

Mr. Laird (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Hull (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Finlay (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Baker of Orange (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Dodd moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment by Mr. Culp to House bill No. 361 was adopted on yesterday.

(Pending consideration of the motion to reconsider, Mr. Henderson of Marion occupied the chair temporarily.)

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Price moved the previous question on the motion to reconsider, and the main question was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, the House, by unanimous consent, at 12 o'clock m., agreed to stand at ease until 2 o'clock p. m. today.

The House reconvened at 2 o'clock

p. m. and was called to order by the

Speaker.

The House then resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 361, on its passage to engrossment, with amendment by Mr. Williamson and motion by Mr. Dodd to reconsider the vote by which the House on yesterday adopted an amendment by Mr. Culp, pending.

Question recurring on the motion to reconsider, yeas and nays were de-

The motion to reconsider prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-82.

Irwin. Abney. Amsler. Johnson. Arnold. Jones. Kemble. Avis. Baker of Milam. Lamb. Beasley. Lane. Bell. LeStourgeon. Blount. Lewis. Bobbitt. McBrideMcDonald. Brady. Burmeister. McNatt. Carpenter of Dallas. Martin. Maxwell. Carpenter Melson. of Matagorda. Montgomery. Carter of Coke. Moore. Patman. Chitwood. Coffee. Perdue. Cowen. Pinkston. Crawford. Potter. Price. Davenport. DeBerry. Quaid. Dielmann. Rice. Dinkle. Robinson. Dodd. Rogers. Downs. Rountree. Dunlap. Sackett. Sanford. Dunn. Durham. Satterwhite. Edwards. Shearer. Frnka. Shires. Fugler. Simpson. Gipson. Smith. Green. Sparkman. Greer. Stewart of Reeves. Hardin of Erath. Stroder. Harrington. Thompson. Turner. Harris. Henderson Wells. of Marion. Williamson. Hendricks. Wilson. Howeth. Winfree. Hughes.

Nays-31.

Atkinson. Barrett. Baldwin. Bird. Barker. Bonham. Bryant. Looney. Cable. McDaniel. Carson. McFarlane. Covey. Merritt. Culp. Quinn. Davis. Rowland. Driggers. Stell. Duffey. Stevens. Hardin Stewart of Kaufman. of Edwards. Jacks. Storey. Henderson Sweet. of McLennan. Wessels. LeMaster. Young.

Absent.

Collins. Morgan Fields. of Liberty. Morgan Houston. Hull. of Robertson. Jennings. Pool. Pope. Laird. Loftin. Purl. McKean. Russell of Trinity. Mathes. Stewart of Jasper. Merriman. Thrasher. Vaughan.

Absent—Excused.

Carter of Hays. Russell of Callahan. Faubion. Stiernberg. Lackey. Lusk. Strickland. Miller. Teer. Pate. Wallace. Patterson.

Paired.

Mr. Westbrook (present), who would vote "nay," with Mrs. Wilmans (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Finlay (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Baker of Orange (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Rountree moved the previous question on the pending amendment, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Culp to the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-45.

Abney. Cable. Carson. Atkinson. Baldwin. Covey. Culp. Barker. Beasley. Davis. Bird. Dinkle. Bonham. Driggers. Duffey. Bryant.

Durham. Frnka. Hardin of Kaufman. Henderson of McLennan. Howeth. Hughes. Jacks. Jennings. Laird. LeMaster. Loftin. Looney. McDaniel. McFarlane.

Mathes. Merritt. Rice. Rogers. Rowland. Stell. Stevens. Stewart of Edwards. Storey. Sweet. Thompson. Vaughan. Wessels. Young.

Nays-72.

Amsler. Lane. Arnold. LeStourgeon. Baker of Milam. McBride. McKean. Barrett. McNatt. Bell. Blount. Martin. Maxwell. Brady. Burmeister. Melson. Carpenter Merriman. of Dallas. Montgomery. Carpenter Moore. of Matagorda. Carter of Coke. Patman. Perdue. Chitwood. Pinkston. Coffee. Pool. Collins. Potter. Cowen. Price. Purl. Crawford. Davenport. Quaid. Quinn. Dielmann. Dodd. Robinson. Downs. Rountree. Dunlap. Sackett. Satterwhite. Dunn. Edwards. Shearer. Shires. Fields. Fugler. Simpson. Green. Smith. Greer. Sparkman. Stewart of Reeves. Harrington. Harris. Stroder. Henderson Turner. of Marion. Wallace. Hendricks. \mathbf{Wells} . Westbrook. Irwin. Johnson. Williamson. Wilson. Kemble. Lamb. Winfree.

Present-Not Voting.

DeBerry.

Absent.

Avis. Houston. Bobbitt. Hull. Gipson. Jones. Hardin of Erath. Lewis.

McDonald. Morgan of Liberty. Morgan of Robertson.

Pope. Russell of Trinity. Sanford. Stewart of Jasper. Thrasher.

Absent—Excused.

Carter of Hays. Faubion. Lackey. Lusk. Miller. Pate. Patterson.

Russell of Callahan. Stiernberg. Strickland. Teer. Wilmans.

Paired.

Mr. Finlay (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Baker of Orange (absent), who would vote "yea."

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Williamson, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-89.

Amsler. Henderson Arnold. Atkinson. Baker of Milam. Barker. Beasley. Bell. Blount. Bobbitt. Brady. Burmeister. Cable. Carpenter of Dallas. Carpenter of Matagorda. Carter of Coke. Chitwood. Coffee. Collins. Cowen. Culp. Davenport. DeBerry. Dielmann. Dodd. Driggers. Dunlap. Dunn. Durham. Edwards. Fields. Fugler. Gipson. Green. Greer. Harrington.

Harris.

of Marion. Hendricks. Houston. Irwin. Jacks. Jennings. Johnson. Jones. Lamb. Lane. LeStourgeon. Lewis. McBride. McDaniel. McDonald. McKean. McNatt. Martin. Maxwell. Melson. Merriman. Montgomery. Moore. Patman. Perdue. Pinkston. Pool. Potter. Price. Purl. Quaid. Quinn. Rice. Robinson. Rogers. Rountree. Sackett.

Stewart of Reeves. Sanford. Satterwhite. Stroder. Turner. Shearer. Wells. Shires. Williamson. Simpson. Wilmans. Smith. Wilson. Sparkman. Winfree. Stewart of Edwards. Young.

Nays-31.

LeMaster. Abney. Loftin. Avis. Baldwin. Looney. Bird. McFarlane. Bonham. Mathes. Merritt. Bryant. Carson. Pope. Rowland. Covey. Crawford. Stell. Stevens. Davis. Hardin Storey. of Kaufman. Sweet. Henderson Thompson. of McLennan. Vaughan. Westbrook. Howeth. Hughes. Wessels. Laird.

Present-Not Voting.

Duffey.

Absent.

Barrett. Russell of Trinity. Carter of Hays. Morgan Dinkle. of Liberty. Downs. Morgan Frnka. of Robertson. Hardin of Erath. Stewart of Jasper. Hull. Thrasher. Kemble. Wallace.

Absent—Excused.

Faubion.

Lackey.

Lusk.

Miller.

Pate.

Patterson.

Russell

of Callahan.

Stiernberg.

Strickland.

Teer.

Paired.

Mr. Finlay (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Baker of Orange (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Baldwin offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend substitute amendment to House bill No. 361, Journal, page 845, by striking out all that portion of Section 19 in quotation marks, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "It shall be the duty of the county tax collector on Monday of each week to deposit in the county depository of his

county to the credit of the road and bridge fund of that county all funds collected by him under the terms and provisions of this act, which moneys shall be expended under direction of the commissioners courts of the respective counties in compliance with the general and special road laws of this State for the construction and maintenance of public highways in said counties."

Mr. Burmeister raised a point of order on consideration of the amendment on the ground that the amendment changes provision of an amendment already adopted by the House.

The Speaker sustained the point of

order

Mr. Bonham offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 361, as substituted, by making Section 16E read as follows:

Section 16E. Motor Buses.—All motor buses and passenger motor vehicles used or intended to be used for the transportation of passengers for hire, shall be registered as motor buses and the owners of such vehicles shall pay in addition to the fee of seventeen and onehalf (17½) cents per horsepower and the weight fee provided therefor an additional registration fee of two (\$2) dollars for each of the number of passengers such vehicle is designed to seat, and any owner of such vehicle who shall fail or refuse to comply with the provisions of this section of this act shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars nor more than two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars.

Question recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the follow-

ing vote:

Yeas-50.

Amsler. Dinkle. Atkinson. Downs. Avis. Driggers. Baldwin. Duffey. Edwards. Barker. Beasley. Finlay. Henderson Bird. Bonham. of McLennan. Hughes. Bryant. Cable. Jacks. Carpenter Jennings. of Matagorda. Lane. Carson. Lewis. Carter of Coke. Loftin. Looney. Covey. Crawford. McDaniel. McFarlane. Culp. McKean.

Mathes. Simpson. Merritt. Stewart Perdue. of Edwards. Purl. Storey. Quinn. Sweet. Robinson. Thompson. Rowland. Vaughan. Russell of Trinity. Westbrook. Shires. Wessels.

Nays-71.

Abney. Irwin. Arnold. Johnson. Baker of Milam. Jones. Barrett. Kemble. Bell. Laird. Blount. LeStourgeon. Bobbitt. McBride. Brady. McNatt. Burmeister. Martin. Maxwell. Carpenter of Dallas. Melson. Chitwood. Moore. Coffee. Patman. Collins. Pinkston. Cowen. Pool. Davenport. Pope. Potter. Davis. Dielmann. Price. Dodd. Quaid. Dunlap. Rogers. Dunn. Rountree. Durham. Sackett. Fields. Sanford. Frnka. Satterwhite. Fugler. Smith. Sparkman. Gipson. Green. Stell. Hardin Stevens. Stewart of Reeves. of Kaufman. Harrington. Stroder. Harris. Thrasher. Wells. Henderson of Marion. Williamson. Hendricks. Wilmans. Houston. Wilson. Howeth. Winfree. Hull. Young.

Present-Not Voting.

McDonald.

Absent.

Baker of Orange.
Greer.
Hardin of Erath.
Lamb.
LeMaster.
Montgomery.
Morgan
of Liberty.

Morgan
Morgan
of Robertson.
Rice.
Shearer.
Stewart of Jasper.
Turner.
Wallace.

Absent-Excused.

Carter of Hays. Lackey. Faubion. Lusk.

Merriman. Russell
Miller. of Callahan.
Pate. Stiernberg.
Patterson. Strickland.
Teer.

Mr. Barker offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend amendment to House bill No. 361, page 3, by adding after the words and figures "class 8, 22001 and up, \$4, \$5, 17½c," the following: "Provided that trucks and trailers from sister States doing an interstate business in Texas shall be subjected to and required to pay the same tax as trucks of the same classification of this State are required to pay."

On motion of Mr. Burmeister, the

amendment was tabled.

Mr. Rogers offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 361 by inserting between Section 5 and Section 6 the following: "Provided that the word tractor' as herein used shall not include any tractor used exclusively for agricultural purposes."

Mr. Burmeister raised a point of order on consideration of the amendment on the ground that the amendment would make the bill unconstitutional.

The Speaker declined to rule on the point of order, stating that he would submit the matter to the House for its decision on its vote on the amendment.

Mr. Green raised a point of order on consideration of the amendment on the ground that it proposes to change the provision of an amendment already adopted by the House.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

Mr. Williamson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 361 by striking out all before the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 190 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 71 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 113 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 131 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, as amended by Chapter 52 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, by amending Sec-

tion 16 of said Chapter 190 as amended, and by adding to said Chapter 190 sixteen new sections to be known as Sections 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D, 16E, 16F, 16G, 16H, 16I, 16J, 16K, 16L, 16M, 16N, 16O, 16P, so as to provide for the registration of motor vehicles, tractors, trailers, semi-trailers and motorcycles, requiring applications to be filed for the registering of such vehicles and prescribing the fees that shall be paid for their registration, defining commercial motor vehicles and tractors, prescribing penalties for the operation of a motor vehicle on the public highway not registered in accordance with the provisions of this act, authorizing peace officers to detain certain vehicles not properly registered, prescribing the maximum weights and dimensions of motor vehicles that may be operated on the public highways, providing an additional registration fee for passenger motor vehicles with a seating capacity of more than seven passengers, prescribing the methods by which the fees provided herein shall be computed, requiring commercial motor vehicles to be equipped with rear-view mirrors and with tires of a prescribed minimum width and thickness, authorizing local authorities in charge of the highways to restrict the use of said highways under certain conditions, providing for the recovery of damages for undue in-jury of highways the use of which has been so restricted; amending Section 3, Chapter 73, General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature as amended by Section 4, Chapter 113 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature so as to provide for distribution and apportionment of license fees collected under this act; also authorizing the State Highway Commission, on and after January 1, 1924, to maintain the designated State highways and to pay the expense of such maintenance out of funds derived under this act in so far as said funds are available for that purpose, requiring the State Highway Commission to publish a full budget and plan of maintenance; to provide for a quarterly proration of the fees prescribed herein; providing that the unconstitutionality of any section of this act shall not affect any other section of the act; providing that the license fees prescribed herein for commercial motor vehicles, tractors, trailers and | Greer. semi-trailers shall be charged for the Harrington. registration of such vehicles registered Harris.

during the remainder of the calendar year 1923 and for subsequent calendar years and that the license fees prescribed in this act for passenger motor vehicles shall be charged for the registration of all passenger cars for the calendar year 1924 and for subsequent calendar years; prescribing penalties for violations of this act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Mr. Burmeister moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the bill, and the main question was

ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment to the caption of the bill by Mr. Williamson, it was adopted

Question next recurring on the engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

House bill No. 361 was then passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas-84.

Amsler. Henderson Arnold. of Marion. Baker of Milam. Hendricks. Beasley. Houston. Bell. Hull. Johnson. Blount. Bobbitt. Jones. Kemble. Brady. Burmeister. Lamb. Carpenter Lane. of Dallas. LeMaster. Carpenter LeStourgeon. of Matagorda. McBride. Carter of Coke. McDaniel. Chitwood. McDonald. McNatt. Coffee. Collins. Martin. Maxwell. Cowen. Melson. Crawford. Merriman. Culp. Montgomery. Davenport. Moore. Dielmann. Dinkle. Patman. Dodd. Perdue. Downs. Pool. Potter. Driggers. Price. Dunlap. Purl. Dunn. Quaid. Durham. Edwards. Quinn. Rice. Fields. Frnka. Robinson. Fugler. Rogers. Rountree. Gipson. Sackett. Green. Sanford. Satterwhite. Shearer.

Shires. Thrasher.
Simpson. Wells.
Smith. Williamson.
Sparkman. Wilmans.
Stewart of Reeves. Wilson.
Stroder. Winfree.

Nays-38.

Atkinson. Laird. Avis. Loftin. Baldwin. Looney. Barker. McFarlane. Barrett. Mathes. Bird. Merritt. Bonham. Pinkston. Bryant. Pope. Cable. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Carson. Covey. Stevens. Davis. Stewart DeBerry. of Edwards. Hardin Storey. of Kaufman. Sweet. Henderson Thompson. of McLennan. Vaughan. Hughes. Westbrook. Irwin. Wessels. Jacks. Young. Jennings.

Present-Not Voting.

Abney. Duffey. Stell.

Duffey.

Absent.

Hardin of Erath.
Howeth.
Lewis.
McKean.
Morgan
of Liberty.

Morgan
of Robertson.
Stewart of Jasper.
Turner.
Wallace.

Absent—Excused.

Carter of Hays. Pa Faubion. Ru Lackey. Sti Miller. Str Pate. Te

Patterson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.
Teer.

Paired.

. Mr. Finlay (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Baker of Orange (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Quaid moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the Conference Committee report on Senate bill No. 62.

That it refuses to concur in House amendments to Senate bill No. 92, and asks for a conference committee. The following have been appointed on the committee in behalf of the Senate: Senators Parr. Darwin and Clark.

And has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to hotels, apartment hotels and boarding houses, protecting them from fraud, limiting their liability, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

S. B. No. 123, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4432, Title 65, Chapter 5, and Article 7060, Title 120. Chapter 3, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, by substituting therefor new sections; providing for the appointment of an attorney for the State before the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas; fixing his salary and defining his duties, and providing for the appointment of an assistant attorney for the State before the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas; fixing his salary, and defining the duties of said assistant; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

> Respectfully, RICHARD BLALOCK, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN J. TIGERT.

In accordance with a resolution heretofore adopted inviting Hon. John J. Tigert to address the House on February 20, at 11 o'clock a.m., the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to escort Hon. John J. Tigert to the Speaker's stand:

Messrs. Purl, Bell, Patman, Chitwood, Price. Rountree, Collins and Jacks.

The committee having performed their duty. Speaker Seagler presented Mr. Purl, who in turn introduced Hon. John J. Tigert.

Hon. John J. Tigert then addressed the House.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. McFarlane, House bill No. 503 was ordered not printed. On motion of Mr. Lewis, Senate bill

No. 42 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Quaid, House bill No. 502 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Barrett, the following bills were ordered not printed: House bills Nos. 49, 570, 559, 577, 551, 578, 561, 560, 563.

On motion of Mr. Dodd, House bill No. 582 was ordered not printed.

MOTION TO PRINT HOUSE BILL NO. 567.

Mr. McFarlane moved that House bill No. 567, reported adversely with a minority favorable report, be printed, and the motion was lost.

BILL RECOMMITTED.

On motion of Mr. Irwin, House bill No. 161 was recommitted to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide revenue for the support of the public free schools of Texas, and to levy a tax of two cents per gallon on all gasoline sold in the State of Texas for the support of the public free schools of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Mr. Speaker. Carter of Coke. Abney. Chitwood. Amsler. Coffee. Arnold. Collins. Atkinson. Cowen. Baker of Milam. Culp. Baldwin. Davenport. Barker. Davis. Beasley. Dielmann. Bell. Dinkle. Bird. Dodd. Blount. Downs. Bobbitt. Driggers. Burmeister. Duffey. Cable. Dunlap. Carpenter Dunn. of Dallas. Durham. Carpenter Fields. of Matagorda. Frnka.

Fugler. Purl. Gipson. Quaid. Green. Quinn. Hardin of Erath. Řice. Harrington. Robinson. Harris. Rogers. Henderson Rountree. of Marion. Rowland. Houston. Sackett. Howeth. Sanford. Hughes. Satterwhite. Hull. Shearer. Jennings. Simpson. Johnson. Smith. Lamb. Sparkman. Stell. Lane. LeStourgeon. Stevens. Lewis. Stewart McBride. of Edwards. McDaniel. Stewart of Jasper. McDonald. Stewart of Reeves. McNatt. Stroder. Martin. Sweet. Maxwell. Thompson. Melson. Thrasher. Turner. Merritt. Moore. Vaughan. Patman. Wallace. Perdue. Wells. Pool. Wessels. Pope. Williamson. Potter. Wilson. Winfree. Price.

Nays-25.

Barrett. Laird. Brady. LeMaster. Bryant. Loftin. Carson. Looney Covey. McFarlane. DeBerry. Mathes. Merriman. Finlay. Greer. Morgan of Liberty. Hardin of Kaufman. Pinkston. Storey. Henderson of McLennan. ${f Westbrook}.$ Young. Irwin. Jones.

Present-Not Voting.

McKean.

Absent.

Avis.

Baker of Orange.
Bonham.

Crawford.
Edwards.
Hendricks.
Jacks.

Kemble.
Montgomery.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell of Trinity.
Shires.

Absent-Excused.

Carter of Hays. Lusk. Faubion. Miller. Lackey. Pate.

Patterson. Russell of Callahan. . Stiernberg. Strickland. Teer. Wilmans.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House. on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 98, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, by adding thereto Article 6057a, providing that in addition to other methods provided in said chapter for the removal of officers they may be removed by quo warranto proceeding brought by the Attorney General upon direction of the Governor, making the provisions of said chapter applicable to proceedings hereunder, except where in conflict; providing that the district judge may temporarily suspend an officer against whom the petition is filed and appoint a person to discharge the duties of the office who shall not be required to give bond as provided in Article 6049, providing that the suspended officer shall receive the salary, compensation or fees until final judgment removing him, and that such salary, fees or compensation collected by the temporary officer shall be paid to the suspended officer, and that during appeals from a judgment removing an officer, such salary, fees and compensation shall not be received by him unless he gives a supersedeas bond therefor, and that appeal shall not suspend the order temporarily removing such officer; providing that the temporary officer shall receive the same salary or compensation provided by the law to be paid by the State out of an appropriation to the Governor for the enforcement of the law; fixing jurisdiction and venue for such suits, and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-91.

Cable. Abney. Arnold. Carpenter Atkinson. of Dallas. Baker of Milam. Carpenter Baldwin. of Matagorda. Carson. Barker. Carter of Coke. Barrett. Beasley. Chitwood. Coffee. Bell. Blount. Covey. Culp. Bonham. Burmeister. Davis.

DeBerry. Dinkle. Dodd. Downs. Driggers. Duffey. Dunlap. Dunn. Durham. Fields. Finlay Frnka. Fugler. Gipson. Green. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Harrington. Harris. Henderson of Marion. Howeth. Irwin. Jennings. Johnson. Laird. Lamb. Lane. LeMaster. McBride. McDonald. McNatt. Martin. Mathes. Maxwell. Melson.

Merritt. Moore. Patman. Perdue. Pinkston. Pool. Pope. Potter. Price. Quaid. Quinn. Rice. Robinson. Rogers. Rountree. Rowland. Sackett. Sanford. Satterwhite. Shearer. Simpson. Sparkman. Stewart of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. Stroder. Sweet. Thompson. Thrasher. Vaughan. Wallace. Wells. Westbrook. Winfree.

Nays-23.

Amsler. McDaniel. Brady. McFarlane. Collins. Merriman. Dielmann. Morgan of Liberty. Hardin of Kaufman. Purl. Russell of Trinity. Henderson of McLennan. Stell. Hughes. Storey. Hull. Turner. Wessels. Jones. Loftin. Wilson. Young. Looney.

Present-Not Voting.

Houston.

Absent.

Avis.
Baker of Orange.
Bird.
Bobbitt.
Bryant.
Carter of Hays.
Cowen.
Crawford.
Davenport.
Edwards.
Hen
Jacl
Hen

Hendricks.
Jacks.
Kemble.
Lackey.
LeStourgeon.
Lewis.
McKean.
Montgomery.
Morgan
of Robertson.

Shires. Smith. Stevens. Williamson.

Absent—Excused.

Faubion. Lusk. Miller. Pate. Patterson. Stiernberg.

Russell of Callahan. Strickland. Teer. Wilmans.

REPORT OF FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 62.

Mr. Dodd called up for consideration at this time the following report:

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 16, 1923. Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate, and Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: We, your Conference Committee on Senate bill No. 62, beg to report that we have conferred upon the differences between the Senate and the House in regard to the terms of said bill and we have reached the following agreement: "That the House recedes from its amendments to said Senate bill No. 62."

All of which is herewith respectfully

submitted.

WOOD, CLARK HOLBROOK, DARWIN, STRONG, On the part of the Senate. DODD. PRICE DAVENPORT, POPE,

On the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Dodd, the report was adopted.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally. the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 108, "An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 15, being Senate bill No. 4 of the Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, passed at its Second Called Session in 1909, being Article 486, Vernon Sayles' Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, providing that the Banking Commissioner of Texas may take possession of any | Forty-fifth and Ninety-fourth Judicial

bank or trust company under the provisions of the bank deposit guaranty law of the State of Texas, and providing that the depositors of said bank or trust company in Article 448, Vernon Sayles' Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, shall be paid in full out of the cash in said bank or bank and trust company that can be made immediately available from such bank, and the remainder shall be paid out of the depositors' guaranty fund through the said board in the event of the cash available in said institution shall be insufficient, and providing that only non-interest bearing and unsecured deposits shall be protected under the guaranty fund; defining public funds; providing that no deposit of public funds shall be protected under the guaranty fund or the bond security plan; that cashiers' checks, bank drafts or exchange issued by State banks or State bank and trust companies shall not be protected under the guaranty fund or the bond security plan, and providing that no unmatured interest bearing certificates of deposit or any other kind of interest bearing deposit that shall have been changed to a noninterest bearing and unsecured deposit within ninety days prior to that of the State bank by the Banking Commissioner of Yexas shall be protected by the guaranty fund, and that no deposit made by a creditor for the purpose of converting a loan held against a debtor bank into a non-interest bearing deposit shall be protected by the guaranty fund; repealing all laws and all parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 309, "An Act constituting Bexar county the Thirty-seventh, Fortyfifth, Fifty-seventh, Seventy-third and Ninety fourth Judicial Districts; providing for the present judges of the Thirty-seventh, Forty-fifth, Fifty-seventh and Seventy-third Judicial Districts to continue to hold their offices for the respective terms for which they were elected; the appointment of a suitable person by the Governor as judge of the Ninety-fourth Judicial District to hold until the next general election; prescribing the jurisdiction of said courts and providing for the election of judges thereof, and for the district attorney of the Thirty-seventh Judicial District to be the district attorney of all of said courts; and providing the terms of said courts, and providing for the empaneling of grand juries in the Thirty-seventh,

Districts, and providing that the said grand juries shall return all bills of indictment to the court in which said grand jury was empaneled; and providing that said Thirty-seventh. Forty-fifth and Ninety-fourth Judicial District courts shall give preference to the trial of criminal cases; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 188, "An Act creating the Crawford Independent School District in McLennan county, Texas; defining its boundaries, including the present Crawford Independent School District; providing tor a board of trustees in said district, conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of the State of Texas upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof, or any other law or laws that may be hereafter enacted governing independent school districts created or incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws of this State; providing that the present board of trustees continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 276, "An Act creating and incorporating the Key Independent School District in Dawson county, Texas, out of territory now known as Key Common School District in said county; defining the boundaries thereof; providing for a board of trustees, their election, terms of office, qualifications, powers, duties and authority; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes; and to issue bonds; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes, and a board of equalization; providing that said Key Independent School District shall assume and discharge any and all bonds and indebtedness constituting valid and binding obligations of Key Common School District No. 15, validating and continuing in force any and all bond and maintenance tax heretofore voted and now in force in said common school district; validating the certain bond issue voted by Key Common School District No. 15; providing that title to any and all property of such common school district shall vest in the trustees of the independent school district hereby created; providing for filling vacancies on the board of trustees; providing for a seal

board of trustees shall be governed by the general laws of the State of Texas in all matters where this act is silent; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; providing that invalidation by the courts of any section or provision of this act shall not invalidate any remaining provisions hereof, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 62, "An Act to amend Title 66, Chapter 3, Revised Statutes of 1911, by adding thereto Article 4592a, defining self-rising flour, and the ingredients thereof; prescribing the weight of available carbon dioxide gas, and the percentage of chemical leavening ingredients; providing that the package or container in which it is sold shall be labeled in plain letters in the English language stating the percentage by weight of each of the acid ingredients; fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 105. "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 15 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, being Senate bill No. 4 of the Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, passed at its Second Called Session in 1909, and being Article No. 466, Vernon Sayles' Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for the creation of a State banking board, fixing the number of members thereof, and defining the duties and powers of said board, and declaring an emergency."

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 92.

Mr. Montgomery called up from the Speaker's table, for consideration at this time, the request of the Senate for a free conference committee on Senate bill No. 92.

The Speaker laid the request of the Senate before the House.

Question — Shall the request be granted?

Mr. Montgomery moved that the request be granted.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following Free Conference Committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Montgomery, Pope, Dunlap, Johnson and Shearer.

HOUSE BILL NO. 47 ON FINAL PASSAGE.

board of trustees; providing for a seal Mr. Potter called up for consideration for said district; providing that the at this time, the motion to reconsider

the vote by which House bill No. 47 was on yesterday passed, which motion to reconsider was spread on the Journal, and due notice given.

Question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it prevailed.

House bill No. 47 was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas-104.

Mr. Speaker. Laird. Amsler. Lamb. Atkinson. Lane. Baker of Milam. LeMaster. Baldwin. LeStourgeon. Barker. Lewis. McBride. Barrett. Beasley. McDaniel. Bell. McDonald. Bird. McFarlane. Blount. McNatt. Brady. Martin. Maxwell. Burmeister. Cable. Merriman. Carpenter Montgomery. Morgan of Liberty. of Dallas. Carpenter Perdue. of Matagorda. Carter of Coke. Pinkston. Pool. Chitwood. Pope. Coffee. Collins. Potter. Cowen. Price. Crawford. Purl. Culp. Quaid. Davenport. Quinn. DeBerry. Robinson. Dinkle. Rogers. Downs. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Driggers. Duffey. Sackett. Dunlap. Sanford. Dunn. Satterwhite. Durham. Shearer. Fields. Shires. Frnka. Simpson. Fugler. .Smith. Gipson. Sparkman. Green. Stevens. Hardin of Erath. Stewart Harrington. of Edwards. Harris. Stewart of Jasper. Henderson Stewart of Reeves. of Marion. Storey. Henderson Stroder. of McLennan. Sweet. Houston. Thompson. Howeth. Thrasher. Hughes. Turner. Hull. Vaughan. Westbrook. Irwin. Wilmans. Jacks. Wilson. Jennings. Johnson. Young.

Jones.

Nays-10.

Avis, Looney.
Davis. Merritt.
Dodd. Rice.
Finlay. Stell.
Loftin. Wessels.

Present-Not Voting.

Covey.

Absent.

Abney. Kemble. McKean. Arnold. Baker of Orange. Mathes. Bobbitt. Melson. Bonham. Moore. Bryant. Morgan of Robertson. Carson. Dielmann. Patman. Edwards. Rountree. Greer. Wallace. Hardin Wells. of Kaufman. Williamson. Hendricks. Winfree.

Absent—Excused.

Carter of Hays.
Faubion.
Lackey.
Lusk.
Miller.
Pate.
Patterson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.
Teer.

HOUSE BILL NO. 151 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 151, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 7407, 7409, 7414, 7415 and 7416 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relative to the taxation of the intangible assets of certain corporations, associations and individuals, and providing for the creation of a State tax board for the valuation of such intangible assets and for the distribution of said values for local taxation and for the assessment of said assets, and the levy and collection of taxes thereon; and to provide for the repeal of all laws and parts of laws laying taxes upon the gross incomes of corporations, associations and individuals affected by the provisions thereof, so that as by this act amended said articles shall provide that other and additional individuals, corporations, companies and associations be included and made subject to the provisions thereof; fixing the salary of the tax commissioner, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Patman offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 151, Article 7407, by striking out "thirty-six hundred dollars" wherever it occurs, and insert "four thousand dollars."

The amendment was lost.

(Pending consideration of the bill Mr. Moore occupied the chair temporarily.)
(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Stewart of Edwards moved the previous question on the bill and the main question was ordered.

Question recurring on the final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

House bill No. 151 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-75.

Jennings. Arnold. Atkinson. Johnson. Laird. Avis. Baker of Milam. Lane. Baldwin. LeStourgeon. Loftin. Barker. Barrett. Looney McBride. Beasley. McDaniel. Bell. Martin. Bird. Bonham. Maxwell. Melson. Bryant. Merritt. Cable. Moore. Carpenter of Matagorda. Carter of Coke. Patman. Perdue. Pinkston. Coffee. Pope. Covey. Crawford. Price. Rice. Culp. Robinson. Davenport. Davis. Rogers. Rowland. DeBerry. Dodd. Sackett. Downs. Sanford. Driggers. Simpson. Dunn. Sparkman. Durham. Stevens. Stewart Edwards. Fields. of Edwards. Stewart of Reeves. Finlay. Sweet. Frnka. Thompson. Green. Thrasher. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Vaughan. Wallace. Harris. Wells. Henderson Westbrook. of McLennan. Hendricks. Young. Howeth.

Nays-50.

Abney. Bobbitt.
Amsler. Brady.
Blount. Burmeister.

Carpenter Lewis. McFarlane. of Dallas. Carson. McKean. Chitwood. McNatt. Collins. Merriman. Cowen. Morgan of Liberty. Dielmann. Pool. Duffey. Dunlap. Potter. Purl. Fugler. Quaid. Gipson. Quinn. Hardin of Kaufman. Rountree. Russell of Trinity. Harrington. Henderson Satterwhite. of Marion. Shires. Houston. Smith. Hull. Stell. Irwin. Storey. Jacks. Turner. Wessels. Jones. Kemble. Williamson. Wilson. Lamb. Le Master. Winfree.

Absent.

Baker of Orange.
Dinkle.
Hughes.
McDonald.
Mathes.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Shearer.
Stewart of Jasper.
Stroder.

Absent-Excused.

Carter of Hays.
Faubion.
Lackey.
Lusk.
Miller.
Pate.
Patterson.

Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.
Wilmans.

Mr. Stewart of Edwards moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 279 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 279, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2771, Revised Statutes. 1911, as amended by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Chapter 160, reducing the amount of bond required of depositories of independent districts."

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-98.

Abney. Arnold. Amsler. Atkinson.

Baldwin. LeStourgeon. Lewis. Barrett. Loftin. Beasley. Looney. \mathbf{Bell} . McBride. Bird. McDaniel. Bobbitt. McDonald. Brady. McFarlane. Burmeister. McKean. Cable. Martin. Carpenter Mathes. of Dallas. Carpenter Maxwell. Melson. of Matagorda. Merriman. Carson. Carter of Coke. Merritt. Chitwood. Moore. Morgan Coffee. of Liberty. Collins. Patman. Covey. Cowen. Perdue. Pinkston. Crawford. Pool. Davis. Pope. DeBerry. Potter. Dielmann. Driggers. Duffey. Price. Purl. Dunlap. Quinn. Dunn. Robinson. Edwards. Rogers. Fields. Rountree. Russell of Trinity. Finlay. Sackett. Frnka. Fugler. Sanford. Gipson. Satterwhite. Green. Shearer. Shires. Greer. Henderson Simpson. of Marion. Smith. Henderson Sparkman. of McLennan. Stell. Hendricks. Stewart of Edwards. Houston. Howeth. Stewart of Reeves. Hull. Storey. Irwin. Thompson. Thrasher. Jennings. Turner. Johnson. Kemble. Wells. Westbrook. Laird. Wessels. Lane.

Navs-9.

Avis. Bonham. Bryant. Durham. Harrington. Jones. LeMaster. Quaid. Wilson.

Present-Not Voting.

Baker of Milam. Culp. Dodd. Harris. Jacks.

Lamb. McNatt. Stevens. Vaughan. Young.

Absent.

Baker of Orange. Barker. Blount. Morgan Davenport. of Robertson. Dinkle. Rice. Downs. Rowland. Hardin of Erath. Stewart of Jasper. Hardin Stroder. of Kaufman. Sweet. Hughes. Wallace. Montgomery. Williamson.

Absent-Excused.

Carter of Hays. Faubion. Lackey. Lusk. Miller. Pate.

Patterson.

Russell of Callahan. Stiernberg. Strickland. Teer. Wilmans.

Winfree.

HOUSE BILL NO. 566 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Mr. Gipson, by unanimous consent; the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 566, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 87 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature and amendments thereof, by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 138, and providing that the board of directors of a water improvement district may exclude from same without requiring an application therefor, lands which can not be irrigated by gravity flow from the canal system as planned and constructed, and if the owner of such lands shall thereafter and within one year elect to place said lands or part thereof in cultivation by use of water from said irrigation system by means other than provided at the time said lands were excluded, same may be again included in said district upon the application of the owner thereof made as provided by law; providing the manner of excluding and again including such lands in a district; also amending said act by amending Section 8 of Chapter 13 of the Acts of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, which act amended said Chapter 87, Acts of Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, providing for the organization and operation of water improvement districts. This act amends Section 122 of said Chapter 87, Acts Regular Session Thirty-fifth Legislature as amended by Section 8, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, and provided the manner and mode of levying and assessing taxes by such districts

which may adopt the assessment of benefit plan of taxation, and that such districts may by election adopt a uniform basis of benefits apply to all lands irrigated by gravity flow from the canal system, and for a different basis of assessment on uniform basis on all lands classed as non-irrigable by gravity flow, and providing that if lands so classed as non-irrigable are thereafter irrigated the method of determining the amount of payments to be made thereon; the manner of adopting such assessments by election; declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 566 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Gipson moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 566 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following

Yeas-107.

Mr. Speaker. Dunn. Durham. Abney. Amsler. Edwards. Arnold. Fields. Finlay. Avis. Baker of Milam. Frnka. Baldwin. Gipson. Beasley. Green. Bell. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Bird. Bobbitt. Hardin Bonham. of Kaufman. Brady. Henderson of McLennan. Bryant. Burmeister. Hendricks. Cable. Houston. Carpenter Howeth. of Dallas. Hull. Carpenter Jacks. of Matagorda. Jennings. Carson. Jones. Chitwood. Kemble. Coffee. Laird. Collins. Lamb. Covey. Lane. Cowen. LeMaster. Crawford. LeStourgeon. Culp. Lewis. Davis. McBride. DeBerry. McDaniel. Dielmann. McDonald. McFarlane. Dodd. Driggers. McNatt. Duffey. Martin. Dunlap. Maxwell.

Melson. Satterwhite, Merriman. Shires. Merritt. Simpson. Sparkman. Moore. Stell. Morgan of Liberty. Stewart Patman. of Edwards. Stewart of Reeves. Perdue. Pinkston. Storey. Pool. Stroder. Sweet. Pope. Thompson. Potter. Thrasher. Price. Quaid. Turner. Quinn. Wells. Westbrook. Rice. Robinson. Wessels. Williamson. Rogers. Wilson. Rountree. Russell of Trinity. Winfree. Sackett. Young. Sanford.

Present-Not Voting.

Harris. Mathes. Vaughan.

Absent.

Atkinson. Johnson. Loftin. Baker of Orange. Barker. Looney. McKean. Barrett. Blount. Montgomery. Carter of Coke. Morgan of Robertson. Davenport. Patterson. Dinkle. Purl. Downs. Fugler. Rowland. Shearer. Harrington. Henderson Smith. Stevens. of Marion. Hughes. Wallace. Irwin.

Absent-Excused.

Carter of Hays.
Faubion.
Lackey.
Lusk.
Miller.
Pate.
Russell
Stewart of Jasper.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.
Teer.
Wilmans.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 566 before the House on its third read-

ing and final passage.

of Callahan.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-110.

Abney. Baldwin.
Amsler. Barker.
Avis. Beasley.
Baker of Milam. Bell.

Bird. LeMaster. Bobbitt. Lewis. Bonham. Loftin. McBride. Brady. Burmeister. McDaniel. Cable. McFarlane. McNatt. Carpenter of Dallas. Martin. Mathes. Carpenter Maxwell. of Matagorda. Melson. Carson. Chitwood. Merriman. Merritt. Coffee. Collins. Moore. Morgan Covey. of Liberty. Cowen. Patman. Crawford. Culp. Perdue. Pinkston. $\mathbf{DeBerry}.$ Dielmann. Pool. Pope. Dodd. Downs. Potter. Price. Driggers. Duffey. Quaid. Dunlap. Quinn. Dunn. Rice. Durham. Robinson. Edwards. Rogers. Fields. Rountree. Finlay. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Frnka. Sackett. Gipson. Sanford. Green. Satterwhite. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Shires. Hardin Simpson. of Kaufman. Sparkman. Harrington. Stell. Henderson Stevens. Stewart of Marion. Henderson of Edwards. Stewart of Reeves. of McLennan. Hendricks. Storev. Stroder. Houston. Howeth. Sweet. Thompson. Hull. Irwin. Thrasher. Turner. Jacks. Wells. Jennings. Johnson. Westbrook. Wessels. Jones. Wilson. Kemble. Laird. Winfree. Lamb. Young. Lane.

Nays—2.

Atkinson.

Davis.

Present-Not Voting.

Harris.

Vaughan.

Absent.

Arnold. Baker of Orange. . Bryant. Barrett.

Blount. Carter of Coke.

Davenport. Dinkle. Fugler. Hughes. Looney.

LeStourgeon. McDonald. McKean. Montgomery. Patterson. Purl. Russell of Callahan. Shearer. Smith. Wallace.

Williamson. Morgan of Robertson.

Absent-Excused.

Carter of Hays. Faubion. Lackey. Lusk. Miller. Pate.

Stewart of Jasper. Stiernberg. Strickland. Teer.

Wilmans.

HOUSE BILL NO. 537 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter of Dallas, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading

and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 537, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the designation of district judges to hold special terms of court in the various judicial districts in the State when accumulation or urgency of business or the public interest justify or require such designation; providing for the manner of designation, and providing further for the appointment of a clerk by the Supreme Court, prescribing his duties and fixing his salary; and prescribing the manner in which reports shall be made by the various district courts to the Supreme Court showing the condition of the dockets of the various district courts, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the

House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Patman offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 537 by striking out Section 3, page 806 of Journal.

Question recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-68.

Amsler. Arnold. Atkinson. Avis.

Bell. Bird. Bonham. Brady.

Baker of Milam. Barker.

Bryant. Cable.

Carpenter Loftin. of Matagorda. Looney. Carson. McDaniel. McFarlane. Cowen. Crawford. Martin. Mathes. Davenport. Maxwell. Davis. DeBerry. Melson. Dodd. Merritt. Downs. Moore. Dunlap. Patman. Dunn. Pope. Fields. Price. Frnka. Rice. Hardin of Erath. Rogers. Hardin Rowland. of Kaufman. Satterwhite. Harrington. Shearer. Simpson. Stell. Harris. Henderson Stewart of Jasper. of Marion. Henderson Thrasher. of McLennan. Turner. Hendricks. Vaughan. Wells. Houston. Westbrook. Howeth. Johnson. Wessels. Laird. Wilson. Winfree. Lane. LeStourgeon. Young.

Nays-39.

Morgan of Liberty. Abney. Baldwin. Patterson. Beasley. Perdue. Bobbitt. Pinkston. Burmeister. Carpenter Pool. of Dallas. Potter. Purl. Carter of Coke. Culp. Quaid. Dielmann. Quinn. Duffey. Robinson. Durham. Rountree. Fugler. Sackett. Sanford. Gipson. Hull. Shires. Jennings. Smith. Jones. Sparkman. Kemble. Storey. LeMaster. Stroder. McDonald. Williamson. McNatt.

Present-Not Voting.

Covey.

Irwin.

Absent.

Baker of Orange.
Barrett.
Blount.
Chitwood.
Coffee.
Collins.
Dinkle.

Driggers.
Edwards.
Finlay.
Green.
Greer.
Hughes.
Jacks.

Lamb. Russell of Trinity. Lewis. Stevens. McBride. Stewart McKean. of Edwards. Merriman. Stewart of Reeves. Montgomery. Sweet. Morgan Thompson. of Robertson. Wallace.

Absent-Excused.

Carter of Hays.
Faubion.
Lackey.
Lusk.
Miller.
Pate.

Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.
Teer.
Wilmans.

House bill No. 537 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 537 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Carpenter of Dallas moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 537 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-105.

Mr. Speaker. Downs. Abney. Duffey. Amsler. Dunlap. Arnold. Dunn. Atkinson. Durham. Avis. Edwards. Baker of Milam. Fields. Baldwin. Frnka. Barker. Fugler. Beasley. Gipson. Bell. Hardin of Erath. Bobbitt. Hardin Bonham. of Kaufman. Harrington. Brady. Bryant. Harris. Burmeister. Henderson Cable. of Marion. Carpenter of Dallas. Hendricks. Houston. Carpenter Howeth. of Matagorda. Hull. Carson. Irwin. Carter of Coke. Jennings. Chitwood. Johnson. Covey. Jones. Cowen. Kemble. Crawford. Laird. Culp. Lane. Davenport. LeMaster. Davis. LeStourgeon. Looney. DeBerry.

McBride.

Dielmann.

McDaniel. Rowland. Sackett. McDonald. McNatt. Sanford. Satterwhite. Martin. Maxwell. Shearer. Melson. Shires. Merritt. Simpson. Montgomery. Smith. Sparkman. Moore. Morgan of Liberty. Stell. Stewart of Jasper. Patterson. Stewart of Reeves. Perdue. Storey. Pinkston. Stroder. Pope. Thrasher. Potter. Turner. Price. Vaughan. Purl. \mathbf{W} ells. Quaid. Westbrook. Quinn. Wessels. Řice. Williamson. Winfree. Robinson. Rogers. Young. Rountree. Nays-4. Mathes.

Henderson of McLennan. Loftin.

Mathes. Wilson.

Present-Not Voting.

Bird.

Absent.

McFarlane. Baker of Orange. Barrett. McKean. Blount. Merriman. Coffee. Morgan of Robertson. Collins. Patman. Dinkle. Dodd. Pool. Driggers. Russell of Trinity. Finlay. Stevens. Green. Stewart of Edwards. Greer. Sweet. Hughes. Thompson. Jacks. Lamb. Wallace. Lewis.

Absent-Excused.

Carter of Hays. Russell
Faubion. of Callahan.
Lackey. Stiernberg.
Lusk. Strickland.
Miller. Teer.
Pate. Wilmans.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 537 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-102.

Mr. Speaker. Abney. Amsler. Arnold.

Atkinson. LeStourgeon. Looney. McBride. Avis. Baldwin. Barker. McDaniel. Beasley. McDonald. Bell. McFarlane. McNatt. Bobbitt. Bonham. Martin. Mathes. Brady. Bryant. Maxwell. Burmeister. Melson. Cable. Merriman. Carpenter Merritt. of Dallas. Moore. Carpenter Morgan of Matagorda. of Liberty. Carson. Patman. Carter of Coke. Patterson. Chitwood. Perdue. Covey. Pinkston. Cowen. Pope. Crawford. Potter. Price. Culp. Davenport. Purl. Quaid. Davis. Quinn. Rice. DeBerry. Dielmann. Downs. Robinson. Duffey. Rogers. Dunlap. Rountree. Rowland. Dunn. Durham. Sackett. Satterwhite. Edwards. Fields. Shearer. Shires. Gipson. Hardin of Erath. Simpson. Hardin Smith. Sparkman. of Kaufman. Harrington. Stell. Stewart of Jasper. Harris. Stewart of Reeves. Henderson of Marion. Storey. Henderson Stroder. of McLennan. Sweet. Hendricks. Thrasher. Turner. Houston. Vaughan. Howeth. Hull. Wells. Westbrook. Jennings. Wessels.Johnson. Jones. Williamson. Winfree. Kemble. Laird. Young.

Nays-5.

Baker of Milam. Dodd.

Loftin. Wilson.

Irwin.

Present-Not Voting.

Bird.

Frnka.

Lane.

Absent.

Baker of Orange. Barrett. Blount. Coffee. Collins. McKean. Dinkle. Montgomery. Driggers. Morgan Finlay. of Robertson. Pool. Fugler. Russell of Trinity. Green. Sanford. Greer. Hughes. Stevens. Jacks. Stewart Lamb. of Edwards. Thompson. LeMaster. Lewis. Wallace.

Absent-Excused.

Carter of Hays.
Faubion.
Lackey.
Lusk.
Miller.
Pate.

Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.
Teer.
Wilmans.

Mr. Carpenter of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

INVITATION TO GOVERNOR PAT M. NEFF.

Mr. Beasley offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Governor desires to appear before the House in person for a few minutes on tomorrow for the purpose of presenting to the House a matter which he prefers to present in that manner; therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That Governor Pat M. Neff be and is hereby invited to address the House at 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 21, 1923

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 33, to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 123, to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Stroder gave notice that he would on tomorrow call up for consideration at that time, House bill No. 97.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Sackett:

H. B. No. 587, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6901a and 6901d of Chapter 1, Title 119 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, as enacted by Chapter 29 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature and as amended by Chapter 98, General Laws, Regular Session Thirty-sixth Legislature, and to amend Articles 6901b, 6901c and 6901e of said chapter and title of the Revised Civil Statutes as enacted by Chapter 29 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session, Thirty-fifth Legislature, and adding thereto Articles 6901cc and 6901dd, all of which articles of the Statutes relate to the compensation of county commissioners; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Dunlap:

H. B. No. 588, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Sections 1 and 5 of Chapter 31 of the Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its Second Called Session, entitled 'An Act amending and revising the metes and bounds of the Raymondville Independent School District (formerly in Cameron county but now in Willacy county);' providing that all jurisdiction shall attach to officers of Willacy county instead of Cameron county."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Dunlap:

H. B. No. 589, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Santa Margarita Independent School District in Willacy county, Texas, and defining its boundaries; providing for the election of a board of trustees therefor; providing for the election of a secretary treasurer, assessor and collector of taxes and all other necessary officers and committees, and prescribing their qualifications; investing said district with all the rights,

powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated under the general laws of the State for free school purposes only, and declaring an emer-

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Patman:

H. B. No. 590, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6002, Title 97 Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing for the appointment of notaries public, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Thrasher:

H. B. No. 591, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 133 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature as amended by Chapter 176 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, so as to suspend further action in any cause pending the determination of an appeal on plea of privilege in said cause."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Russell of Trinity:

H. B. No. 592, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful for any person to drive a wagon on any surfaced road in Polk county, Texas, where the wheels of such wagon or vehicle are laden with mud or soil; and making it unlawful for the driving over the surfaced roads of Polk county, Texas, with any of the wheels of a wagon or other vehicle locked or sliding and also making it unlawful for the driving of a wagon or other vehicle upon said roads with the wheels of said wagon or other vehicle off of the surfacing of said road or within six inches of the outer edge of the surfacing of said road, and making it unlawful to drive a wagon or other vehicle upon any of said roads within ten (10) days after a rain, where said wagon or vehicle is carrying a load of 2000 pounds or more; providing a penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Bonham:

"An Act to amend Chapter 1 of the Second Session of the General Laws of . Twelfth the Legislature, creating Aransas county, by adding thereto Section la re-defining that part of the north line of Nueces county so as to comport with that of Aransas and adding Section 1b, repealing Chapter 89 of the General Laws of the Seventh Legislature."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Mathes:

H. B. No. 594, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners court of Floyd county to validate the sale of a certain block of land in the county of Floyd in this State, known as 211 acres out of Section No. 89, Block No. 1, A. B. & M., Cert. No. 1497, and shown on the official map of Floyd county; authorizing the commissioners court of said county to execute a deed of confirmation without the necessity of public advertisement and public sale, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

By Mr. Patman and Mr. Simpson:

H. B. No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7377 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas relative to the collection of an occupation tax upon individuals, companies, corporations and associations pursuing the occupation or business of wholesale dealers in coal oil, naphtha, benzine or other mineral oils refined from petroleum, and defining wholesale dealers so that as by this article amended said article shall provide that all individuals, companies, corporations and associations engaged in the wholesale business of coal oil, fuel oil, gasoline, naphtha, benzine and every other mineral oil shall pay a tax upon their gross receipts, and to provide for the collection of such tax and a penalty for failure to pay, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Baldwin:

H. B. No. 596, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating a certain issue of schoolhouse bonds aggregating \$5000, bearing interest at 6 per cent per an-H. B. No. 593, A bill to be entitled num, voted by Common School District

No. 7 of Lynn county on July 23, 1921; validating the election voting such bonds, all orders of the commissioners court of Lynn county in respect to such election and such bonds, and in addition all orders levying taxes to support the same, and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Barker:

H. B. No. 597, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6834, Revised Statutes of the State of Texas; providing that district clerks be required to file with the county clerk notice of pending of any suit affecting in any way the title to land, or any suit to foreclose lien on real estate; providing that Article 6838 of the Revised Statutes be amended requiring county clerk to file record of such proceeding and providing for remuneration to be paid to such clerk."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Irwin:

H. B. No. 598, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4364, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, providing for the bond of State Treasurer so as to provide for the making of such bond with a surety company and the payment of the expense incident thereto by the State; and to amend Article 4373, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, providing for the appointment of a chief clerk and the giving of bond by him, and also providing for the appointment of other employees so as to provide for the appointment of the chief clerk and the giving of a bond by him for a good and solvent surety company, and further to provide for the appointment of other employees and the giving of bonds by each of them, and to require the State to pay the necessary expenses incident to the execution of said bond or bonds, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Carpenter:

H. B. No. 599, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 55, Chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, of 1911, relating to exemption, by adding thereto four new articles, to be known as Articles 3788a, 3788b, 3788c and 3788d, as follows: Article 3788a exempting absolutely and under a cer- "An Act to release the property of the

tain lien limitation, all money or other property due, payable or accruing upon insurance or indemnity contracts for sickness, disease, disability, accident, infirmity, or old age, from all process for forcible payments of debts of the insured; Article 3788b, exempting all life insurance policies and all values thereof, from all such forcible process; Article 3788c, providing that garnishees in such cases shall not be required to plead or prove such exemptions, and allowing intervention by defendant for such purpose; Article 3788d, providing that the exemptions named shall not apply in certain cases, and to declare an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Mathes:

H. B. No. 600, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 18, of the Local and Special Laws, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, and the same being an act to create the Tulia Independent School District in Swisher county, Texas, adding thereto Section 6a, validating bond elections heretofore held and bonds issued thereunder, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Smith:

H. B. No. 601, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the eradication of rattlesnakes and providing paying for same."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Quaid:

H. B. No. 602, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of six hundred thirty-one and 30-100 (\$631.30) dollars to pay for manufacture and installation of eight (8) desks for members of the House of Representatives, and to pay for manufacture of one stand for Speaker's stand, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropria-

By Mr. Crawford, Mr. Sanford and Mr. Pinkston:

H. B. No. 603, A bill to be entitled

Timpson & Henderson Railway Company from the payment of taxes levied against it for State and county purposes, in the counties of Rusk, Panola and Shelby, for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1922, by reason of public calamity, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common

Carriers.

By Mr. Bonham:

H. B. No. 604, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing certain rules of briefing in the courts of civil appeals of the State of Texas; turther providing that all rules heretofore or hereafter promulgated by the Supreme Court for the courts of civil appeals, except such as may be in conflict with the provisions of this act, shall be binding on said courts, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McBride, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Green and Mr. Greer:

H. B. No. 605, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 36, Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, which created a county board of education and providing for their election so that the trustees shall be elected for five years instead of two years and conferring on the county trustees the powers and duties with reference to schools now exercised by the commissioners courts, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Durham:

H. B. No. 606, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-eighth and Sixty-third Judicial Districts of the State of Texas; and to prescribe the time, and fix the terms of holding the courts in each of said judicial districts, and to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes, and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of the courts in the several districts as herein fixed and to validate process, and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors and juries; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Robinson:

H. B. No. 607, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 74, Special Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, as amended by Chapter 96, Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and as further amended by Chapter 89, Special Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, relating to the road system of Leon county, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads,

Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Stewart of Edwards:

H. B. No. 608, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Carta Valley Independent School District in Edwards and Val Verde counties, Texas; providing a board of trustees therefor, vesting said independent school district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of the existing school in said district shall continue to act as such until their succes-. sors are elected in accordance with the general laws of Texas, and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on School Dis-

ricts.

By Mr. Finlay:

H. B. No. 609, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 22, Acts of the Thirtieth Legislature, Regular Session, re-defining the boundaries of the San Saba Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Rowland:

H. B. No. 610, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 3, Local and Special Laws, Third Called Session, Thirty-sixth Legislature, amending and revising the metes and bounds of the Moran Independent School District in Shackelford and Callahan counties, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Wells:

H. B. No. 611, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 927, Title 22,

Chapter 6, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, so as to provide that the city council of any city or town shall have power to levy and collect an annual poll tax not to exceed one dollar of every inhabitant of said city over the age of twenty-one years (idiots and lunatics excepted) who is a resident thereof at the time of such annual assessment, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and

Taxation.

By Mr. Simpson:

H. B. No. 612, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that county judges may authorize the payment of premiums on bonds of guardians, administrators or executors where such bonds are made by approved surety companies out of the estate being administered by such guardians, administered by the executors."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Dodd and Mr. Shearer:

H. B. No. 613, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring the male juniperus sabinoives, or pollen bearing mountain cedar tree, a public nuisance and menace to the public health, and especially to the health of those in the State educational and eleemosynary institutions; declaring the destruction of such trees within certain areas to be an imperative public necessity; authorizing and making it the duty of a commission composed of the members of the State Board of Control and the State Health Office to destroy by cutting down all mountain cedar trees which do not bear berries situated within a radius of five miles of each and every State educational and eleemosynary institution; prescribing the method of doing such work; authorizing the employment of assistants and agents; providing for the payment to the owner for the trees cut down and damages; authorizing, where necessary, the condemnation of such trees and prescribing the method of paying for said trees and damages and the expense of carrying out the provisions of this act; making it a misdemeanor for any person to bring any mountain cedar tree, or part thereof, unless the same bears berries, or unless without foliage, bloom, seed and pollen, into the area within a radius of five miles of any State educational or eleemosynary institution, or the bringing of the same from any point within such | House bill No. 557.

area into the bounds of any incorporated city or town therein; prescribing penalties for its violation, and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on Public

Health.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolutions, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. Irwin:

H. J. R. No. 24, Amending Article 16 of the Constitution of Texas by adding thereto a new section designated as Section 61, giving to the Legislature power and authority to provide pensions for firemen and policemen; providing for submission of resolution to voters of Texas, and making appropriation therefor.

By Mr. Moore and Mr. Rountree:

H. J. R. No. 25, Proposing amendments to Section 5 and 21 and 22 and 23 of Article 4, and Section 24 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, and fixing a time for the election to be held on such amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. McFarlane moved that the House recess to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Jones moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the House recess to 7:30 o'clock p. m. today.
Mr. Rogers moved that the House

recess urtil 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Jones prevailed and the House, accordingly, at 6 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, February 21.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committees have filed favorable reports on bills, as follows:

Appropriations-Senate bill No. 316. Banks and Banking-Senate bill No. 229.

Municipal and Private Corporations-

Public Health—Senate bill No. 151; House bill No. 555.

Judiciary—House bill No. 585.

Insurance—House bills Nos. 430, 569. Revenue and Taxation—House bill No. 552.

Public Lands and Buildings—House bill No. 503.

School Districts—House bills Nos. 576, 560, 578, 491, 551, 577, 559, 570, 561, 563.

The following committees have filed unfavorable reports on bills, as follows:

Common Carriers—House bills Nos. 376, 450,

Judiciary—House bill No. 567; Senate bill No. 169

Insurance—House bill No. 497. School Districts—House bill No. 352.

JOINT AUTHORS OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22.

On motion of Mr. Patman, by unanimous consent, the names of the joint authors of House joint resolution No. 22 were ordered printed in the Journal as follows:

Messrs. Patman, Wallace, Melson, Durham, Coffee, Young, Hendricks, Bryant, Howeth, Merritt, Pinkston, Abney, Culp, DeBerry, Finlay, Pate, Moore, Stroder, Barker, Sanford, Davis, Stewart of Jasper, Stewart of Edwards, Laird, Downs, Driggers, Carpenter of Matagorda, Baker of Milam, Green, Dunn, Atkinson, Perdue, Price, I Cable, Maxwell, Dielmann, McDaniel, McKean, Carson, LeStourgeon, Martin, Greer, Looney, Simpson, Westbrook, Carter, Amsler, Crawford, Rice, Duffey and Vaughan.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 518, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Brackett Independent School District in Kinney county, Texas; defining its boundaries, including the Brackett Independent School District; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now

conferred and imposed by the general laws upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof; providing that the present board of trustees shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms and validating their elections; providing that outstanding bonds shall remain chargeable against the territory which voted same; providing for an election for the purpose of assuming said bonded indebtedness by the district as herein created; providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector and board of equalization for said district; repealing laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,'

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 477, A bill to be entitled "An Act taking certain territory from the Estelline Independent School District in Hall county, and from Parnell Common School District No. 18 in Hall county and adding same to Hulver Common School District No. 5 in Hall county; providing for an election at which the qualified taxpaying voters of said Hulver district, as thus enlarged, may determine whether it shall assume and be taxed to pay the pro rata portion of taxes, which the said territory taken from said adjacent districts may be subject to on account of any outstanding school house bond issues previously made by such districts and whether the property in said Hulver district, as enlarged, shall be subject to any special school taxes previously voted by said Hulver district, and whether the property of such district, as so enlarged, shall be subject to taxes for the support of any previous bond issue by said Hulver district; providing for the defining of the boundary lines of said district as thus enlarged; specifying the jurisdiction which the county board of school trustees shall have with respect to the boundaries and territory of such enlarged district, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DINKLE, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-ROLLED BILLS.

> Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 341, "An Act to create the Deats Independent School District in Kimble and Edwards counties, Texas, providing a board of trustees therefor, vesting said independent school district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of the present school in said district shall continue to act as such until their successors are elected in accordance with the general laws of Texas, and declaring an emergency,

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 395, "An Act providing more efficient road laws for Bexar county, conferring on the commissioners court of Bexar county control of all roads, bridges, drains, ditches, culverts and all works incident to same; authorizing the employment of all necessary labor, teams, wagons and clerical help, and providing payment therefor; providing for road or ditch crossing wherever necessary, and the acquiring of land for same; authorizing the appointment of a county highway engineer, road superintendents and assistant engineers and other assistants; regulating the working of convicts; exempting all persons from road work and abolishing the office of overseer; defining the 'road'; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency, and expressly amending Section 17 thereof, and declaring an emergency,

at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval. MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee on Enrolled

Bills, to whom was referred H. B. No. 236, "An Act creating the Sour Lake Independent School District; defining its boundaries, including the present Sour Lake Independent School District; providing for a board of trustees, and the manner of their election; vesting title to all school property within said district in the board of trustees, and their successors in office; charging said district with the payment of all indebtedness of any kind and every nature whatsoever, and the performance of all contracts of the schools that are included within said district; providing that the board of trustees hereof elected and now serving the Sour Lake Independent School District as now existing, shall continue in office for the district hereby created until the expiration of their terms of office and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified; authorizing the trustees to exercise all the rights and powers conferred by the general laws upon trustees of independent school districts created for school purposes under the general laws, and in addition thereto certain plenary powers; providing for the annexation of adjacent territory thereto; validating and continuing in force the maintenance tax heretofore voted by the voters in every territory included within the district hereby created until the voters in said district increase, diminish or abolish such taxes in accordance with the general laws; vesting authority in the board of trustees to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school building sites, and erecting, altering or repairing, furnishing and equipping school buildings within said district; empowering the trustees to levy taxes therefor, and to pay current expenses for the support and maintenance of the schools; providing said district shall remain chargeable with its pro rata part of any outstanding bonded indebtedness heretofore voted by the Batson Independent School Dis-Have carefully compared same and find trict in Hardin county, Texas, or any it correctly enrolled, and have this day, other school district whose territory is

by this act encroached upon; providing that if any part of the act shall not be invalidated or vitiated; providing for the repeal of all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty.

Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923. Hon R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled

Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 170, "An Act to abolish the Higgins Independent School District, created under the general laws of the State of Texas, and to incorporate the Higgins Independent School District to be within certain boundaries at and surrounding the town of Higgins, in Lipscomb county, with all powers, rights and privileges of independent school district; to elect trustees, issue bonds, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to

the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 337, "An Act creating the Village Mills Independent School District of Hardin county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district, and investing the said district with the rights, powers, authority, jurisdiction, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman. Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 330, "An Act creating the Schwertner Independent School District in the county of Williamson, State of Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to control and manage the schools of the said district; divesting Common School District No. 48 of Williamson county, Texas, of the control of the free schools of the said district, and of the title, management and control of all property held, owned and controlled for public free school purposes therein and vesting the same in the said Schwertner Independent School District, and in the board of trustees thereof; providing for the assessing and collecting of taxes; providing for the issuance of bonds; providing for the election of officers for the said school district; providing for the election of assessor and collector for said school district; providing for the erection of buildings and equipping same for school purposes, and assuming the payment of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of Common School District No. 48 of Williamson county, Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 235, "An Act to amend Chapter 35, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, being an act creating the Sudan Independent School District in the county of Lamb, State of Texas, by amending Section 1 thereof so as to more accurately define its boundaries, and by adding Section 12a thereto, providing for the validation of certain bond issues, bond and maintenance taxes, and the election and acts of the officers of said district and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find

it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon, R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 251, "An Act creating and incorporating the Meadow Independent School District, in Terry county, Texas; defining the boundaries thereof; providing for a board of trustees, their election, terms of office, qualifications, powers, duties and authority; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes, and to issue bonds; providing for a collector and assessor of laxes and a board of equalization; providing that said Meadow Independent School District shall assume and discharge any bonds and indebtedness that may be valid and binding obligations of the common school district, including all or a part of the territory embraced within the boundaries of the independent district as created by this act; validating and continuing in force any and all taxes heretofore voted and now in force in such common school district, and providing that title to any and all property of such common school district shall vest in the trustees of the independent school district hereby created; providing for a seal for said district; providing that the board of trustees shall be governed by the general laws of Texas in all matters where this act is silent; repealing all laws in conflict herewith: providing that invalidation by the courts of any section or provision of this act shall not invalidate any remaining provision of this act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon, R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 171, "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Sutton county the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and general statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 11, "An Act to amend Article 151, Title 10, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, relating to the writ for the apprehension of persons who are lunatics or non compos mentis, and their detention; and giving to the county judge authority to direct the detention of such lunatics or persons non compos mentis in the county jail, county hospital, city hospital or private hospital; and providing that the expense of such detention shall be paid out of the general county fund, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 110, "An Act to establish reciprocity between insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Texas, and those of other States and foreign countries, imposing on such foreign insurance companies and their agents such requirements, conditions, and the payment of such sums of money, whether as taxes, license, fees, fines, penalties, or deposits of securities,

as may be required by the home State of such foreign insurance company or companies, of companies organized in this State or the agents thereof, in excess of those imposed by this State, and empowering the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking to refuse or cancel permits of foreign insurance companies where permits of Texas companies would be refused or cancelled in such foreign State or territory, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923. Hor, R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 185, "An Act to provide for the printing of all proclamations and legal notices or other advertising matter by the different institutions of the State, districts, counties and sub-divisions thereof, and providing for maximum fees to be charged for said publications and directing the manner of payment therefor, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 15, "An Act to repeal Chapter 118, of the Special and Local Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirtythird Legislature, as amended by Chapter 45 of the Special and Local Laws of the Second Called Session of the Thirtysixth Legislature, authorizing and empowering Falls county or a political subdivision thereof, to vote bonds for the purpose of constructing permanent roads; providing that nothing in this act shall affect pending litigation under said law; authorizing Falls county, fee charged by such agents; providing

Texas, or any political subdivision, or defined district thereof, to issue road bonds under the provisions of the general law; validating bond elections heretofore held in certain defined road districts within said county, and declaring an emergency,'

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

> MORGAN of Liberty. Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon, R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 64, "An Act to regulate the organization of the County Courts of Dallas County at Law and judges thereof, and to secure uniformity therein by prescribing that the County Court of Dallas County at Law shall be called the County Court of Dallas County at Law No. 1; by fixing an equal number of terms of said courts, and prescribing that they commence on alternate months; to authorize the judges thereof to hold court for or with one another; to prescribe a uniform qualification for the judges, prescribe what fees they shall collect and how they shall be paid into the county treasury; to require the oath of office and remove the requirement of official bonds for judges; to continue the term of the County Court of Dallas County at Law No. 2 to conform to this act; to validate process therefor, and of the County Court of Dallas County at Law in conformity with this act; to repeal laws in conflict therewith, and to declare an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

> MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923. Hon, R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 13, "An Act providing for the licensing, bonding and regulating of private employment agents; limiting the for the cancellation of such license; prescribing the duties of the Commissioner of Labor Statistics for the State of Texas, with reference to the enforcement of this act; providing for recoveries on said bond; fixing penalties for the violation of this act; creating a special fund for the enforcement of this act and appropriating same for said purposes; repealing certain laws and all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

(Wednesday, February 21, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Abnev. Amsler. Arnold. Atkinson. Avis. Baker of Milam. Baldwin. Barker. Barrett. Beasley. Bell. Bird. Blount. Bobbitt. Bonham. Brady. Bryant. Burmeister. Cable. Carpenter of Dallas. 'Carpenter of Matagorda. Carson. Carter of Coke. Chitwood. Coffee. Covey. Cowen. Crawford. Culp. Davenport. Davis. DeBerry. Diel mann. Dinkle.

Dodd. Downs. Driggers. Duffey. Dunlap. Dunn. Durham. Edwards. Fields. Finlay. Frnka. Fugler. Gipson. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Hardin of Kaufman. Harrington. Harris. Henderson of Marion. Henderson of McLennan. Hendricks. Houston. Howeth. Hughes. Irwin. Jacks. Jennings. Johnson. Jones. Kemble. Lackey. Laird. Lamb.

Lane. Robinson. LeMaster. Rogers. Rountree. LeStourgeon. Rowland. Lewis. Russell of Trinity. Loftin. Looney. Sackett. McBride. Sanford. McDaniel. Satterwhite. McDonald. Shearer. McFarlane. Shires. McKean. Simpson. McNatt. Smith. Martin. Sparkman. Mathes. Stell. Maxwell. Stewart Melson. of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. Merriman. Merritt. Storev. Montgomery. Moore. Stroder. Morgan Sweet. of Liberty. Teer. Pate. Thompson. Patman. Thrasher. Patterson. Turner. Perdue. Vaughan. Pinkston. Wallace. Wells. Pool. Pope. Westbrook. Potter. Wessels. Williamson. Price. Wilmans. Purl. Quaid. Wilson. Quinn. Winfree. Rice. Young.

Absent.

Green.

Miller.

Stevens.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange. Carter of Hays. Collins. Faubion. Hull. Lusk. Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell.
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

A quorum was announced present. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Miller, for today, on motion of Mr. Maxwell.

Mr. Collins, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Wessels,

Mr. Faubion, for yesterday evening and today, on motion of Mr. Fields.

Mr. Baker of Orange, for today, on motion of Mr. Wells.